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Bill Number:	H. 3639	Signed by Governor on March 20, 2019
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Subject:	In-State Tuition for Military	
Requestor:	House of Representatives	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends state law in order to maintain compliance with a recently revised federal law concerning tuition for veterans with service-connected disabilities. By complying with revised federal mandates, public institutions of higher learning will experience an annual reduction in Other Funds revenue of \$251,292 to \$266,292 beginning in FY 2019-20 because the amount of tuition and fees collected will be reduced.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Commission of Higher Learning (CHE) or the State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of these agencies.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill amends state law in order to maintain compliance with a recently revised federal law. Federal law now requires that certain veterans with service-connected disabilities be eligible for in-state tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education, regardless of the length of time the individual has resided in the state. This bill allows South Carolina to be in compliance with the recent amendments to 38 U.S.C. §3679.

Commission on Higher Education. This bill will have no expenditure impact on CHE because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency.

State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education. This bill will have no expenditure impact on SBTCE because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency.

State Revenue

This bill will increase the number of out-of-state students who qualify for in-state tuition, thereby reducing the total amount of tuition collected by public institutions of higher learning. CHE surveyed the public institutions of higher learning regarding the impact of this bill and received a response from University of South Carolina (USC) and their branch campuses, the College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina, Clemson University, Francis Marion University, and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). USC, the College of Charleston, and Coastal Carolina anticipate an annual reduction in revenue of \$103,410, \$57,546, and \$45,336 respectively. These

totals are based on the current number of out-of-state students that fit the criteria of this bill. Clemson estimates a reduction in revenue of \$45,000 to \$60,000 each year. Francis Marion, MUSC, and the branch campuses of USC expect this bill to have a minimal impact on revenue.

SBTCE reports that this bill will have minimal impact on revenue for public technical colleges, as 95 percent of students are in-state residents.

For the institutions of higher learning, in total, this bill will reduce Other Funds revenue annually by a range of \$251,292 to \$266,292 beginning in FY 2019-20.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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